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A GREAT GAME ENDED.

There is reprinted elsewhere in The Oregonian today an article from the aympathetic with the cause of Oregon and Portland in the movement of freight in the Pacific Northwest. But W. C. T. U. of their tipple of tea, or the article raises inquiry as to the coffee, as a lusty American soldier of that many families to whom such a there were 303,000 soldiers who had reasons for the discrimination against his cigar, or cigarette, or pipe. Portland in the past. This inquiry it. well to answer.

There are two railroads which follow the water grade to Pacific tide ater: The Spokane, Portland & Seattle, commonly known as the North Bank Road, and the Union Pacific.

is that it was desirable, and even The North Bank is owned jointly by the Northern Pacific and Great necessary, to make lawful a policy of railroad operation which the law had Northern. They are in themselves made unlawful. rival railroads and their main inter-Unified control is but another name ests are on Puget Sound.

Every rival railroad seeks the long haul and the main haul. The Great Northern did not willingly turn traffic over the North Bank and thereby divide equally with the Northern Pawhen it could get the whole haul itself. The Northern Pacific followed trusts; it would consent to no mergers An illustration of the practical recontrolled as it does in all businessand Puget Sound profited.

The tendency in latter years has been for severance of railroad and ticed by the railroads between Portsteamship interests. This has been land and Puget Sound. Three ralldue largely to Governmental ob- road systems use the same tracks; The northern roads, includstacles. ing the Milwaukee, had simply contract arrangements with steamship it is proposed to perform the same lines. The Union Pacific did not have such connections.

The channel from Portland to the sea has not until very recent years been at adequate depth. When Portland came into position to deal fully with ocean-borne commerce, it found Puget Sound firmly established. Regular steamship lines beget or influence tramp service. Seattle was for tunate in the possession of a far-seeing independent ship broker who obtained options on tramp steamer space early in the movement of Russian war materials:

Probably due both to the Government obstacles heretofore mentioned and to the scarcity of bottoms, the Union Pacific tied up with the Seattle | public. broker who had the option. It wanted cation that the Government may do the freight. He also had dockage leased an illegal thing, though it forbids othof Puget Sound, and freight that ers to do it.

went over his docks to the ships he natid him toll

been such a shortage of building materials that even the normal increase of population could not be provided for, and now there is serious talk of amending a law passed in 1875 and empowering the Government to expel foreigners, so as to permit wider application. The law was originally intended to reach persons who might be undesirable from a political standpoint, but conditions of life have be come such that it is now necessary to consider the law from the standpoint of housing accommodations and tive process, since the youth who is able to overcome them is likely to

tobacco and letters."

THE DIFFERENCE.

The avowed purpose of the Govern-

ment in taking over the railroads of

the country was "unified control.

The deeper significance of its action

scheme of wasteful competition prac-

each of them ran three passenge

trains each way, or nine in all. Now

service with four trains, under a plan

of enforced co-operation. The equip-

ment of five trains is released for

other service and their operating cost is wholly eliminated. The public will

be the gainer if it shall get the service.

wrong when it insisted upon mainten-

ance of the competitive system, al-

though it also assumed the right to

Shall it be said that the Nation was

learn," lines of least resistance, are more likehave returned from the battle front ly to fail in anything they may underis that the American soldier is well take.

TAGGING THE COAL SHOVEL If a shovelful of coal a day will "Write letters," adjures Congress-Eastern Business Office-Verree & Conk-Branwerk building, New York, Verree ansiero representative, R. J. Bidweil, 742 boys think there must be something it is the duty of every American to

boys think there must be something it is the duty of every American to the matter with the mails, for they save it. It is upon the assumption MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS. know that they are not forgotten and that every pound of fuel will count there must be somewhere on the way in our war-winning plans that Dr. long letters from the folks at home, Garfield, the Federal fuel administrator, has designated January 30 as "I hate to say anything unpleasant "tag-your-shovel day." The purpose about the valiant French; but their of the new movement is educational. tobacco is vile-and expensive. Let It will be well worth while if it im-FORTLAND, FRIDAY, JAN. 4. 1918, the boys have plenty of the real Amer- presses upon an appreciable number health of their armies, and the French try makes on a Western traveler who ican article, and they will be happy. of people the aggregate importance of sanitary department is an important

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I mean the real American article, both economies which are individually minute. Here and there we hear of good If 5,000,000 families in the United women who think that the soldiers States were persuaded to curtail their sion of germs is attributed. The pres-

saving would be possible, and it would be a been to the country in many ways. It would be reflected in the labor and transportation situation and in the pockets of the consumers themselves. It is the idea of the fuel administration that this can be accomplished without inflicting hardship Balkan wars from typhus than from

upon anyone. There is quite general agreement that most Americans keep their ease in the present war have been houses too warm. Dr. Garfield says negligible. that 68 degrees is best, in normal cir for a great National railroad pool. Yet cumstances, for health. But inatten pooling by railroads has been made a tion to details of furnace manage criminal offense. The public, through ment is also wasteful and expensive its Government, insisted on competi-Insulation of furnaces and pipes ha tion among the railroads; it made been found to pay. Heating only war on combinations; it fought all those rooms which are in use als saves fuel. Householders are asked An illustration of the practical re-sults of "unified control" or National to write to the makers of their furnaces for practical directions for runpooling is the abandonment of the

ning economically. It also should be remembered that, except in those communities which are blessed water power, care in the use of electric lights also saves coal for the Nation. Saving gas saves coal, too. The economies asked for are only

such as we ought to practice even li we were not at war. One good thing about them is that the people will be the chief beneficiaries. To those wh already have taken measures to cut down their coal bills the lesson does not apply, but the number of those

who have not done so is very large. HOW NOT TO PREPARE.

fix rates? Hardly. The story of delay in equipping the The essential difference is that Army with machine guns and rifles is a story of prejudice against the Lewis there is now a pool-"unified control" -wholly in the public interest. A pri- machine gun and of determination to vate pool, or a pool by private se-semi-public corporation, whether se-cret or public, would be primarily in cret or public, would be primarily in cret or public, and against the vate pool, or a pool by private or adopt the Browning gun; also of cost of speed and volume of production as to rifles. The Ordnance Bureau's record as to

the Lewis gun was given by its in-It is logical, lawful and laudable ventor, Colonel Isnac N. Lewis, who to do that which it may for the public proved his disinteres That is the reason that Union Pa-to prevent an individual or group of ing to surrender his share of royal-cific freight destined for Russia was individuals from doing. A public ties, amounting to \$2,500,000, to the permitted to lie in Portland yards monopoly and a private monopoly Government and stating that both of awaiting transhipment by rail to represent the difference between his sons are at the front with General Pershing. He said that when the first

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sion which visited Russia last Sum- April 12. After the test about May 1 mer, believes that notwithstanding an order for 2000 was not given till unsettled conditions there. June 18, another for 4400 on June 22, Russia will offer quite as attractive and a third for 12,000 on July 26. He could have begun delivery at the rate makes a plea for the study of the of 1800 a month about the middle of Russian language as a preparation April, but the department insisted on a change of caliber, by which it suf-

chine gun.

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find in

war.

umphant climax:

mination greatly to be desired

specific admissions cited by our con-

Whenever the Russian troops are

removed from the influence of German

and Bolsheviki propaganda, they re-

main true to the allies. This is the

case in France, Macedonia and Meso-

potamia. The disastrous effects of

mental poison on the allies could not

There is consolation in the

temporary have been made.

About the middle of April Savage Company was asked by the Ordnance Bureau to make the Browning machine gun, but refused, and Mr. Borie said the Browning was simply a gun "on paper," He said the Bureau's attitude toward the other complex problems that will Lewis gun had always been one of arise. Those, on the other hand, who The net result of this prejudice

ters in the following war geography bulletin: "No country has been so often or against a machine gun which has been tried in every battle of the war and of this desire to substitute one which exists only on paper, though it is held | none has excited so keen an interest for so long a time and in so many superior by manufacturers and ex-perts, is that time which should have superior by manufacturers and ex-perts, is that time which should have been spent in equipping the Army has been spent in equipping the Army has

been spent in equipping the army has other read much about the country, it may well be thought that nothing now may well be thought that nothing now remains to be said about Palestine, except by archaeologists, whose explorations of the sites of ancient cities chinery and in controversy, and that there are many companies in cantonments which have never seen a maare always bringing fresh facts to light. But if all of us have read a good deal about the Holy Land, most of

The French, whose failure to comus have also forgotten a good deal, and our ideas of the country—ideas colored by sentiments of reverence and roplete the Panama Canal was due largely to their inability to combat mance-are often vague and not always the diseases which mowed down the correct. workmen, have learned their lesson to

"It may, therefore, be worth while set down in a plain and brief way sses quickly through it. The broad impressions are the things that remain part of the fighting force, its function In memory when most of the details have vanished, and broad impressions are just what an elaborate description sometimes fails to convey, because they being, among other things, to exterminate insects to which the transmis-Salem Capital Journal which is wholly should not be allowed to smoke. Well, domestic coal consumption to the ex- ent comparatively low death rate in are smothered under an infinitude of

. . .

"Palestine is a tiny little country Though the traveler's handbooks pre pare him to find it small, it surprise been on the battlefield, and more than him by being smaller than he expected 200,000, or 64 per cent, were in hos-Taking it as the region between the Mediterranean on the west and the Jordan and Dead Sea on the east, from the spurs of Lebanon and Hermon on pitals at some time, only a quarter of them as the result of wounds. In the Russo-Turkish war, 200,000 men had the north to the desert at Beersheba on the south, it is only 110 miles long and from 50 to 60 broad-that is to say, it is smaller than New Jersey, typhus, and half of these died. The Bulgarians lost more men in the two all other causes combined. Losses to the British and French from this dis-

whose area is 7500 square miles. "Of this region large parts did not belong to ancient Israel. Their hold on the southern and northern districts was but slight, while in the southwest a wide and rich plain along the Mediterranean Discussing its attitude toward the was occupied by the warlike Philis-tines, who were sometimes more than a match for the Hebrew armies. Israel railroads and railroad rates in a selfshe hus lt. gratulating mood, and professing to certain expressions by The had, in fact, little more than the hill country, which lay between the Jordan united in trying to force freight out of its natural channels, which would send Oregonian support for its contentions east and the maritime st. King David, in the the Evening Journal reaches this trion the plain t to Portland, and to route it to Seattle the west. days o and Tacoma. Neither Oregon nor Port-land has had a fair deal, and it is high his power, looked down from the hill In such words The Oregonian admits that cities of Benjamin, just north of Jerusalem, upon Philistine enemies only 25 miles off, on the one side, and looked across the Jordan to Moabite enemies te Journal was not a "llar," not a "faisl-er," not a "railroad baiter." time criminal discrimination against both be ended. With the roads under Government control this may at last be It may be cheerfully conceded that about as far off on the other. accomplished. approval of The Oregonian is a con-

"Nearly all the events in the history MUSIC APPRECIATION IS LACKING the esteemed Journal. But we feel of Israel that are recorded in the Old obliged, nevertheless, to deny that the

Testament happened within a territory no bigger than the state of Connecti-cut, whose area is 4800 square miles; and into hardly any other country has there been crowded from the days of Abraham till our own so much history

an uncement that destruction of Ger--that is to say, so many events that nan submarines exceeds construction been recorded in the annals of hnve but it should not blind us to the fact mankind. 'Nor is it only that Palestine is that more ships of each of our three principal allies were sunk in the last really a small country. The traveler constantly feels as he moves about that it is a small country. From the heights a few miles north of Jerusalem week than in any recent week, or to the necessity of speeding up produc-

tion to offset the loss. The greatest ne sees, looking northward, a far-off is seen, looking hornwise, a life of a summit carrying snow for eight months in the year. It is Hermon, nearly 10,000 feet high-Hermon, whose fountains feed the rivers of Damascus. need is ships this year to shorten the war, while Germany in desperation is ready for any sacrifice to prolong the

of this artistic agency, and rarely in there a criticism of a recital. Yes

"But Hermon is outside the territory of Israel altogether, standing in the land of the Syrians; so, too, it is of Lebanon. We are apt to think of that erday the newspapers did not print a notice of the programme to be played in the afternoon. The least they might be prond of is the fact that the city countain pass as within the country ccause it also is frequently mentioned has such an organist. But what art, anyway? Is not San Francis the birthplace of the "jags" band? in the Psalms and the Prophets; but the two ranges of Lebanon also rise beyond the frontiers of Israel, lying between the Syrians of Damascus and city addicted to that type of mental elevation is in the last throes of ar-

Much Car Shortage Can Be Relieved by

Salem Capital-Journal

The Oregonian yesterday had an ediorial on the railroad situation in the orthwest that is commended to Direc-McAdoo or those under him will have charge of such matters for perusal and digestion. It presents Portland's case in an unanswerable argument and incidentally it arraigns now under the protection of the Brit-ish Empire, since the occupation of Jerusalem. A part of Viscount Bryce's

management. While the whole country had been suffering from an inpre-cedented car shortage, the manage-ments of these roads, which control the communication is issued by the society today from its Washington headquarstock of the North Bank road, have instead of using that road, hauled most of their freight over the mountains to

Sound ports, it requiring double the number of cars to do this that would have been required had they used the North Bank road. From Spokane to Fortland this is a water-level road, over which the largest loads can be Clara Morris gave a brilliant per-

hauled at the lowest cost. Naturally one would think they would use this road to capacity and haul only what it could not over the high Cascade Range. Instead of doing this, The Oregonian asserts the water-level road has not been used to exceed one-tenth

ar shortage down to a minimum. While over a route requiring longer time and so keeping them out of use. The old hymn says: "God moves in a

mysterious way, his wonders to per-form," and the railroads certainly pat-tern after this plan. They do things that are essentially foolish, and they keep on doing them, to their own dis-advantage and the injury of the public. It is hoped the new administration will get busy and put a stop to such fool proceedings as hauling thousands of ons over a mountain range when there

Washington-Senator Corbett has incongested, hauled freight ove the North Bank road to Portland and, instead of putting it on ships there illowed it to wait until the docks a

A pamphlet has recently been issued in.San Francisco pointing out the fu-ture for a big shipbuilding programme or Oregon and Washington ports, The pamphlet points out that Oregon fir and spruce would be lasting if put into vessels and that iron has recently been

WHERE RED CROSS' ASSET LIES

In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago.

From The Oregonian January 4, 1893.

Salem-The capital city is once more

n its biennial tumult. Although the

active work of the legislative session is not yet on, Salem is the busiest of

places, not only all day, but away into

Half a Century Ago.

From The Oregonian January 4, 1868. New York-At the last meeting of

the Lyceum of Natural History Dr. Henry Wurtz read a valuable paper on

the important discovery of new prop-erties of aluminum and Professor C. F.

Secret political societies are being nearthed in Paris and the press has

been placed under a new and more rig-orous censorship by Napoleon. Riots have been reported in several places.

Napoleon is growing old, his son is feeble and the popular will is showing

itself. France appears to be on the

ortant discovery of

and

the night.

Oregon.

ove of a change.

PORTLAND, Jan. 3 .- (To the Editor.) "A Willing Giver," in The Oregonian not quite sure that our great charity, fer to have a per capita tax levied and so have it administered by the Govern-ment, in an efficient manner, save the

netal needed for buttons and let the SAN FRANCISCO, Cal. Jan. 1 .- (To ood women have more time to devote

the Editor.)-By some curious trick, fate is playing a practical joke upon The writer likes efficiency as well as A Willing Giver," but he is also of the the city of San Francisco. It has a fine auditorium, the finest organ on this continent, and the most renowned organist that ever visited America. Mr. pinion-in fact is sure of it-that the umerican Red Cross is as thoroughly dministered as any Government de-E. H. Lemare, the organist referred artment could possibly be, because it E. H. Lemare, the organist referred to, plays programmes that even the people of San Francisco should un-derstand. But they don't. I have been to two recituals given by Mr. Lemare, and the attendance has been lamentaa labor of love. Let me give 'A Willing Giver" a lit-

the bit of ancient history. It is this, that when that adorable woman, Flor-ence Nightingale, was consulted at the irst Geneva convention of the Red

the said this: "In order to bring home to everyone he needs of the suffering of humanity, we must awaken the spirit of charity, sympathetically, spiritually and hon-

But what is The widow's mite, the millionaire's nillions are equally welcome, and cor-ectly so. The more people who give, ectly so. he greater will be the soul asset, and

RAILROAD WASTE MUST CEASE

Full Use of Water Grade.

Bulletta of National Geographic Society Viscount James Bryce, former Brit-ish Ambassador to the United States in a recent communication to the Na tional Geographic Society, gives a suc-cinct idea of the size and physical characteristics of Palestine, which is

the management of the railroads run ning into the Northwest for gross mis D. B. McBride, of Portland, others, including Peter Wallace, have filed articles of incorporation for a sturgeon-freezing plant to be arected near Kalama.

Major-General Sir John Stuart White, who is to succeed Lord Roberts as commander-in-chief in India, has been 38 years in the British army.

formance of the discarded wife "Odette" at the Marquam Grand last night Dr. Bernard Daly, representative of Lake and Klamath counties in the Les-islature, is visiting a few days in Port-land. He says his constituents in Lake

County are eager to have the Legisla-ture pass a bill enabling that county to bond its indebtedness. Conservation of cars should be the rallroads' first thought and everything

else should give way to it. Shippers are urged to load curs to capacity, to unload them promptly and to do all in their power to assist in holding the urging this, it appears the roads were not practicing what they preached, but instead were deliberately hauling cars Chandler exhibited a sample of more than 100 ounces of platinum mined in

is a water level route around it. Be-sides, The Oregonian points out that these roads, when docks at Sound ports

Indifferent to Great Organist.

The newspapers seem to lose sight

troduced a bill in the Senate to pro-vide for the issue of gold notes in place of legal-tender notes and to facilitate specie payment. Seattle were partly cleared, when vas reloaded on cars that were badl eeded elsewhere and sent to Seattle

to be loaded on ships, instead of having the ships come to Portland. Portland has spent millions to open a channel to ea for the biggest freighters, and mined in Oregon. Apparently for some reason known only to themselves the railroads have

Free Will Support Brings Home Suffer-

ing Humanity's Needs.

January 1, tells the public that he is the American Red Cross, is built on correct lines. He evidently would pre-

Correspondent Finds San Francisco

o knitting stockings and sweaters.

Cross relative to the financial question,

stly.

object of all Red Cross societies, Since

the devastation of France and Bel-gium by the brutal Prussian govern-

ment the British people from all parts

of the earth have given over \$80,000,-000 to their Red Cross. At the same

time the British taxpayer hands over

France and Belgium and other suffer

ing nations. We Americans and those of the British cult, I think, feel that

our moral nature still rings true to

its metal and will continue to do so to the end of time. When my friend

Front, when he has seen all that the Red Cross is doing in this great trag-

edy, when his mentality has under

gone the great war strain, he will come back to us with a clearer recogni-tion of the soul asset, the true spir-

THE SERVICE FLAG.

GEORGE POPE

bleeding

to his government \$75,000,000 month to feed and clothe bl

"The Willing Giver" returns fro

Size and Character of Palestine.

ner in which Spanish is now being fered a loss of about 10,000 guns. studied by an increasing number. No effort is made to minimize the diffi-

culties of Russian, but these in them-

selves will operate as a sort of selec-

make the kind of man who will solve

study Spanish chiefly because they

have been told it is the "easiest to and who habitually follow

Seattle-the ship broker demanded right and wrong. his dock tolls.

It was the era of profiteering an Portland had a hard game to buck. Railroads and ships were out to make all they could and each sought only its own interests. The short hand and the cheap haul was bottled by a parity rate system based not on the cost pr ton per mile to move freight, but upor indefinite qualities such as "reason ableness" and "non-discrimination." The water grade argument was ir relevant and immaterial to the pecullar method of adjusting rates adopted by the Interstate Commerce

There was thus nothing very mys 124 discriminatio terious about against Portland. The Northern roads in the beginning overlooked the water grade and built the more expensive transmountain systems. Then to protect their investment they combined to occupy the north bank of the Colum bia so as to exclude any rival. They so, operated the North Bank road that it was not a competitor of themselves, but of the Union Pacific. They mel the Union Pacific on its own ground and they held, with the aid of a rate parity, their own business in the north. The Union Pacific was forced by this rivalry into the northern roads' territory. It was all a great financial game in which the shrewdness and cold, calculating judgment of James J. Hill overcame the danger of the cheap water grade which rose against the northern road's investments as the Columbia River harbor ap-

proached its deep-sea status. The situation has been changed within a few short months. The Na tional interest is now the paramount interest. The National interest is such that it is not concerned with the colume of traffic over this railroad as opposed to that railroad, or with movement of freight over this dock to the exclusion of that dock, or with the entrance or clearance at this or that port of ocean-borne commerce. The National interest demands that freight be moved by the chespest and most expeditious routs, that deliveries may be prompt and that coal and equipment be not devoted to wasteful or unnecessary purpose.

The railroads, too, are a unit so far as revenues are involved. The northern railroads will gain no additional revenues by routing freight over their own lines. Revenues are pooled. There is no outstanding reason why the shortest and most economical routes should not be used to their full capacity.

The hospitality of the people of Denmark has been taxed almost be-Denmark has been taxed almost be-yond endurance by the great influx of foreigners since the war began. Increased the number in the West of the West In purchasing any machine guns was detailed by A. E. Borie, president of the Second A. E. Borie, president of This has now reached the point where

there are not enough lodging accommedations to go around, and Denmark

COUNTY AGENTS. It is a serious question whether the United States Department of Agriculture will be able to realize its desire to have "a county agent in every agricultural county in the United States by February 1, 1918," but there is no harm in trying. It is not always easy to find a man equipped by nature and education for the duties of Ambassa dor from the Government to the men who till the soll. The movement suggests, however, that a new profession is only now in its infancy, and it fur-

ishes another reason why young men in agricultural colleges should persist in their studies. There will soon be a big demand for their services. In a recent article in the Oregon

Countryman, the official publication of the agricultural and home economics clubs of Oregon Agricultural sive manufacture in Europe. His gun College, W. S. Kadderly points out how rapid has been the development inh, Russian and Belgian ammunition. of the county agent system in the He returned to the United States on United States. It is only six years February 16, 1917, to try once more since the first agent was appointed in to interest the Government. He rea Northwestern state, although the turned to the Government two checks for \$17,700 which he had received as plan had been in effect in the South for several years. In the fiscal year royalty on 253 guns made for the 1911-1913 five county agents were British government but taken over by selected in the West and Northwest, the United States. The letter was but the number by June 30, 1917, had never acknowledged, and General Crocreased to 542, covering practically zier "advised in strong terms that it half the counties in thirty-three be not accepted." He wrote anothe states.- The total number of agents letter insisting on its acceptance, and in the forty-eight states was 1280 at the checks were accepted but were the close of 1916, in addition to whom never acknowledged by the Govern there were 438 women agents, making

ment a total of 1268 agents in 1217 coun-Colonel Lewis wrote a letter to Sec

ties in the United States. retary of War Baker on December 11 The ideal county agent, however, is last renewing his offer of the gun more than a practical farmer, because without royalty to the Government. it is required that he shall overcome He stated that 40,000 Lewis guns recertain prejudices which still exist, mained undelivered on orders of the and that he shall do his work without War Department, and he offered to creating the impression that he is did turn over all his share of the royal-ties. He stated that 70,000 of his tating to the farmers of his district in the management of their business. guns had been supplied to the armies Superior diplomacy is called for in a of the allies, and had "met every military requirement under a grilling man who must be a leader rather than a driver, and whose success depends test of more than three years of dall; upon ability to arouse genuine interservice on the battlefields of Europe, est in his work. He is a kind of Am-basandor and teacher and physician that 2000 a week were being added to the number, that 12,000 were in us on the British tanks, and that ten of and father confessor rolled into one." but his methods must be wholly perthe twelve Zeppelins brought down by the British had been brought down masive. There is no compulsory attendance law for his school. Lack of by the Lewis gun

tact is quite as likely as lack of scien-He told the Senate military com mittee that General Crozier's oppos tific knowledge to destroy his usefulion to his gun was due to persona It is to the credit of Coos County and professional prejudice, and said that it was first in Oregon to co-op-General was "absolutely autothe

erate with the state and the National cratic" and was the center of a rins of "officials in the War Department Government in the employment of an agent, who, named in 1913, is still on loyal to a bureau chief at the expense the job. War emergency appoint- of the country." ments in recent months have largely

The delay of the War Department

manufactures the Lewis. In February he offered his company's facilities to Opportunity will beckon from more than one direction to young Amer- the War Department, but was told is in a position to appreciate the pre- teans, in the unanimous opinion of they would not do anything until the dicament of a man whose relatives observing travelers. Professor George tests slated for about the first of May were welcome for a visit, but who C. Whipps, of Harvard, who was a surned it into a visitation, There has member of the Red Cross commis-however, gave an order for 1200 on ing their mothers?

ess by offerbetter illustrated. It is worth many big guns and army corps to the Germans. For that reason no half loyalty should be tolerated

Someone is trying to justify the hat model of his gun was built in 1911 he offered it to the Chief of Staff, check graft with the suggestion that it ought to be worth a quarter to be assured that someone else is not go-"giving up all rights whatever in the invention." In 1912 he asked that it ng to wear the hat away with him. be presented to the Bureau of Ord But it is the compulsory feature that is vexatious. A man wants the privinance, but when the Signal Corps had arranged for its use in the maneuvers lege of losing his hat, along with other of that year, General Crozier entered rights that he sees slipping away from

protest which barred its use. He then went to Belgium and organized a company to manufacture

No man can foretell what will hapthe sun. In the following year Colo nel Lewis retired from the Army and pen in Russia these days. The Bolsheviki may imitate their prototype went to Belgium to find that his comthe Jacobins of 1793, by rallying the pany was planning to build a factory Nation to drive the invader from Rusat Liege and was really in the hands sian soil, and by starting a propa of the Germans. He and some Belgian ganda in Germany similar to that associates bought the stock and ousted hich brought forth a lot of mushthe pro-German president and managroom republics.

ing director. Then he went to the Small Arms Company at Birmingham England, and within forty-eight hours had closed a contract for the exclu-

had been tested with American, Brit-

greater endeavors.

the selective list and under sentence of death. His is the one valid excuse of the year.

A few more earthquakes will give he people of Guatemala faint idea of the situation of those who live in the Whr ZODCS.

of Oregon prunes, probably so the boys will eat so many and not so

If Governmental control eliminates the tackhammer man, who will set the styles at the small stations?

The heatless day is not as far off as my suppose, if care is not exercised in the use of fuel now on hand.

The fuel administrator of Califor nia is a bargain man. He cut the price of coal 76 cents.

Our idea of nothing to worry about what mince ples will have in them if the Nation goes dry.

What's the use of praising, and then lisqualifying with a "but"?

Control of sugar next will sweeten the Nation in its adversity.

Junk is the casiest to conserve, and junk" embraces much.

> As Colonel Disque would remark to the loggers: Spruce up!

How many daughters are conserv-

obliterati

"Perhaps it is because the maps fro which children used to learn Bib geography were on a large scale that most of us have failed to realize how narrow were the limits within which took place all those great doings that fill the books of Samuel and Kings. Just in the same way the classical scholar who visits Greece is surprised that so small a territory sufficed for o many striking incidents and for the

careers of so many famous men.

"Palestine is a country poor in nat-ural resources. There are practically no minerals, no coal, no iron, no copper, to silver, though recently some

wells have been discovered in the Jordan Valley. Neither are there any have been better wooded in the days of Joshua than it is now, there is little reason to think that the woods were of trees sufficiently large to constitute a source of wealth. A comparatively small area is fit for tillage. "To an Arab tribe that had wandered

through a barren wilderness for 40 If the spirit of the Russian troops, who ask only for boots and bread to who ask only for boots and bread to or wine than all the Holy Land. "There is one stretch of fertile, level

land 20 miles long and from three to six miles wide-the Plain of Esdraelon. News that the German soldiers are irressed in warmer clothing than those of the United States should stimulate initters all over the country to still retater endeavors.

reater endeavors. It is all the same to that Chinese on the selective list and under sentence a land flowing with milk and honey. appropriately describes the best it has to offer, for sheep and goats can thrive on the thin herbage that covers the hills, and the numerous aromatic plants furnish plenty of excellent food for the bees; but it is nearly all thin pasture.

for the land is dry and the soil is mostly shallow. The sheep and goats vasily outnumber the oxen. Woody Bashan, on the east side of Jordan, is

ver had, our output havin' mostly run tates left Vir-Wir-wear the Red Cross on the breast, and emblem they are proud to wear, and (To the officers of the United States Engineers' Reserve Corps, who left Portland Sunday for Camp Lee, Virginia.)

When the sun comes up in old Virginia, As the flow'rets lift their heads, face the Huns, because they cannot go to war and do their bit behind the Please think of me as wand'ring In the paths where mem'ry treads.

When the sun goes down in old Virdirt deprivin' them of that same chance by doomin' them to wear the skirt in-stead of double-barreled pants. When ginia, While the village church bell chimes welcome, cheering anthem, our boy haby happened I slopped over in my daddy glee, circumference of my hat seemed shy, my clothes too tight a Will you think of me sometimes?

Vhen the moon shines full in old Vir-ginia, Where the dew perfumes the air, Vill your remember ever Your old friend 'though she's not there? When the moon shines full in old Vir-

Vill you remember ever

When the stars have set in old Vir_ ginia,

And for us no longer rise, Will you then greet me kindly In the realms beyond the skies? —ALYCE ROSALYEE RUSTUNG.

Largest City in World.

ABERDEEN, Wash, Dec. 20.—(To the Editor.)—As to population, which is the largest city in the world? F. H. McCREADY.

New York.

BALLA.

Portland is not far from here. It has a fine organ and a splendid audi-torium. Why not try to have Mr. Lemare give a recital? In a city like Portland, so inferior in population, I have no doubt that the auditorium will be packed to the doors. It is clear that San Francisco does not appreciate such an artist-easily supreme in this hemisphere-as Mr. Lemara. A final word: Let those who want to see a remarkable performance go to see Signor Antoli in "Pagllacci" and Signor Salazar in "Aida." MOSES BARITZ.

Soldier's Family Allowance

CONDON, Or., Jan. 1.-(To the Edi-or.)-If a man is drafted, having a wife and children, will the Govern-ment give \$15 per month to the wife and \$7.50 to the oldest child and \$5 ituality that hedges around the great per month each to the other children if the soldier gives \$15 per month out of his wages? FARMER.

under 18 years of age.

and oblige,

Question of Citizenship.

each one does her level best to help

our soldiers over there, an' every one of them is sore because they cannot

guns. They feel that fate has done

PORTLAND, Jan. 3 .- (To the Editor.)

The soldier must allot one-half his pay, but not less than \$15. If there be a wife and one child, the additional Seautiful the flag of service Government allowance is \$25; if wife and two children, \$32.50, with \$5 per month additional for each child.

By 'child" is meant an unmarried person

American Red Cross.

With Stars and Stripes above.

"Christian men are saved for service," The pastor long had taught. Amazed was he when all young men Seemed with the spirit fraught.

Though dear our noble sons to us We give them to the state. And praying for their safe return, In trustful patience walt.

Those boys of ours are mon of God. They bear the Christian name, They fight for human liberties And not for worldly fame.

They have left their places vacant "To right the world's great wrong, We see them marching to the front To make the great cause strong.

With honor roll and service flag, Our mem'ry holds them dear, And when our laddies cross the top The whole wide world will cheer.

O, service flag; O, emblem true Stir thou our hearts with pride, Teach us to love our country more For which our fathers died D. A. WATTERS.

When Physical Examination Is Made. FORTLAND, Jan. 3.—(To the Editor.) (1) After the questionnaire is returned how soon is the registrant called for examination?

(2) If the examination is passed, how soon are men called to camp for training

(3) In case exemption is claimed on account of dependents, how soon will men be sent to training? Protourp. READER.

pleasure cup was filled with pure paren-tal joy. His education was the best his daddy's wad of kale could buy an' at (1) He is called for physical examnation only if he has been placed in classI. Notices are sent out very soon the graduation test no feller student stood so high, an' all the sportin' critics after final classification instructing the registrant in class I to appear said that as a football artist he sure within five days before a designated examining board.

took the champion gingerbread, the emblem of supremacy, an' now the boy is over there a-doin' of his patriot (2) The next draft will not be called before February 15.

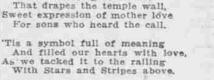
(3) If his claim is allowed, he will will bet my head agin a rotten squash size of the same he'll be in at the finish size of the same he'll be in at the finish be given a deferred classification and when that Kaiser he-wolf jumps the will not be called into service until preceding classes have been exhausted.

then the child is an American citizen Proud of His Boy. By James Barton Adams I've got a boy somewhere in France an' I wish I had a dozen more to help to make them Fritzies dance to music of the battle roar. The only boy w

-Kindly advise me the nationality of child whose father and father's ancestors were Americans but whose mother was English and who was born in England, afterwards moving to this country and continuing to reside her and oblige, UNCONNEAU.

If at the time of the child's birth

the father was an American citizer



of the United States should stimulate knitters all over the country to still

go on fighting, could be absorbed by the Bolsheviki, what a difference it would make in the war!